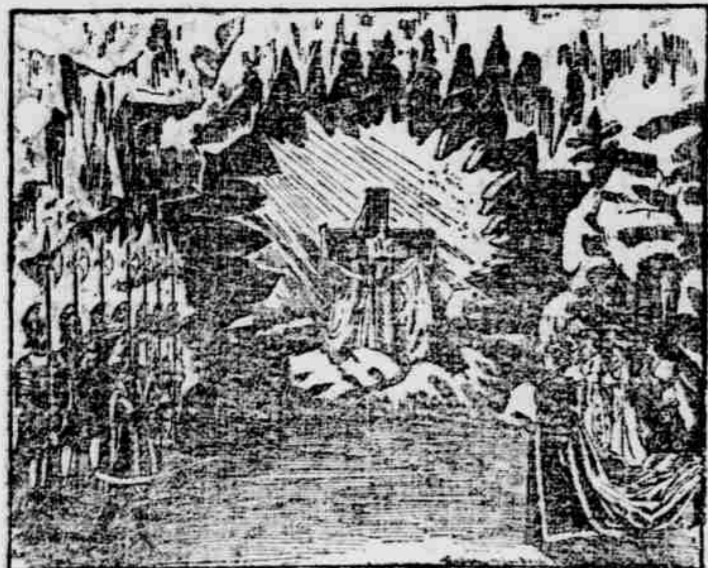


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Children's short pant suits,

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Jersey suits, all wool, in

shades, go this week for

Fine puff boom dress shirts,

worth \$1.50, go this week for

Fine white shirts and linen

booms, laundered, worth \$1, for

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lared cuffs, worth \$1.50, go for

Everything marked in plain figures;

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## SOME STRANGE PLANTS.

Odd Specimens from Distant Parts of the World.

Mark That Resembles Lace—Grating Leaves—Toothbrush Trees, Snake Seed, and Many Other Curious.

The collection of the department of agriculture of plants useful to man adds a new department of interest to the public museums of Washington, says the Collector. Among the most remarkable of the plants is the lace-bark tree of Jamaica, the inner bark of which is composed of many layers of fibers, that interlace it in all directions. Caps, ruffles, and even complete suits of lace are made from it. It bears washing with common soap, and when bleached in the sun acquires a degree of whiteness equal to the best artificial lace, with which this surprising natural product compares quite favorably as to beauty.

Another curiosity is known in the tropics as the sandbank tree, and also as the monkey's dinner bell. It has a round, hard-shelled fruit, about the size of an orange, which, when ripe and dry, bursts with a sharp noise like the report of a pistol. Its juice is poisonous. The South American trumpet tree might furnish a band with musical instruments, because its hollow branches are utilized for horns and also for drums.

From Travancore comes a quaint plant called the cerberus, which has a milky, poisonous juice. The unripe fruit is used by the natives to destroy dogs, as its action causes their teeth to loosen and fall out. The leaves of the so-called American aloe are made into razor strops and are also employed for cleaning and scouring pewter. Quite a wonderful tree is the calabash of the West Indies, which bears enormous fruits that resemble pumpkins, which grow to be nearly two feet in diameter. With the pulp removed they serve various purposes—for carrying water and even as kettles for cooking—having the great advantages of strength and lightness.

Another queer plant in the collection belongs to the pea family and is called the "moving plant," on account of the manner in which its leaves turn around of their own accord or go by jerks without being touched or in any way disturbed. Sometimes only one or two leaves on a plant will be affected; at other times they will all perform jumps and gyrations simultaneously. It is observed that the movements are most energetic when the thermometer marks about eighty degrees. The "dumb cane" is so called because its fleshy, cane-like stems render speechless anyone who may happen to bite them.

In the West Indies grows the silk cotton or gold tree, the fruit of which is a very beautiful silky fiber, highly elastic and used for stuffing cushions. An interesting specimen is the pipul tree of the Hindoos, which is held in such veneration that it is considered a crime to cut off one of the branches. There is also a toothbrush tree from Jamaica. Toothbrushes are made from it by cutting pieces of the stem to convenient lengths and fraying the ends. It also supplies, conveniently enough, an excellent tooth powder, which is prepared by pulverizing the dried stems.

This wonderful vegetable assemblage includes the celebrated henna plant of the east, the powdered leaves of which are commonly utilized as a cosmetic in Asia and northern Africa. The practice has descended from very remote ages, as is proved by the Egyptian mummies, the parts dyed being usually the finger and toe nails, the tips of the fingers, the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet. The reddish tint produced is considered highly ornamental by Oriental belles. In Brazil there grows a tree which has hard unshaped fruits, known as monkey cups. They contain edible nuts, and the husks are very peculiar, being six inches in diameter and having regular lids which fit them closely and separate when the seeds are mature.

The snake tree of Guiana is so called because the seed is twisted in a manner to resemble a coiled serpent. For this reason the Indians employ the nuts as an antidote for snake poison. Another curiosity is the papyrus of Asia, which yielded the substance used as paper by the ancient Egyptians. For this purpose the wood of the reed stem was cut in slices, which were placed, side by side, according to the size of sheet required. After being wet and beaten with a wooden instrument until smooth they were pressed and dried in the sun.

A queer plant is a native of Madagascar. Formerly the seeds, which are very poisonous, were administered to persons accused of crime. If the individual was innocent the dose excited vomiting and his recovery was looked upon as satisfactory vindication, but when retained in the stomach it quickly proved fatal and guilt was then established. The vegetable ivory plant of South America is a well-known commercial article. Its seeds at first contain a clear, insipid liquid, which changes by degrees until it becomes as hard as ivory, for which it is used as a substitute.

From eastern Asia comes a plant, the flowers of which contain a quantity of juice that rapidly turns black or deep purple. It is used by Chinese ladies for dyeing their hair and eyebrows, and in Java for blacking shoes. Decidedly remarkable is the camphor tree, from which camphor is prepared by boiling the chopped branches in water. It is mainly produced in the island of Formosa. Inasmuch as it grows well in the southern states there is reason to believe that the preparation of camphor will some day become a profitable industry in this country.

The arnotto plant has seeds coated with a red, waxy pulp, which is dried and made into cakes. It is much employed by the South American Caribs for painting their bodies, paint being almost their only article of clothing. As a commercial article it is mainly utilized as a coloring for cheese, butter and inferior chocolates.

A Fair Play. Critic—What are you going to call your new play? Writer—"Turn About." Critic—That's a senseless sort of a name, isn't it? Writer—"I don't know that it is. 'Turn About' is fair play, they say.—Detroit Free Press.

The Flea-baiter's Place in the South. A special excursion to North Greenville, Tex., leaves Wichita April 25. For particulars and inducements are offered. For particulars apply to Wright & Miller, agents, Wichita.

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## EASY MINING.

A Curious Invention in Use in Montana for Taking Out Copper.

There are many kinds of mines and numerous inventions for saving precious metals, but the strangest one in the United States, and perhaps in the world, is in Butte, Mont. When mines were discovered in Butte it was found that the water found in the fissures was strongly impregnated with copper in solution, so much so that iron cages, cars and tools of all kinds were quickly destroyed by the affinity of the copper for the iron.

Only a few weeks' immersion in the waters reduces a mass of iron to pulp, a fact which makes it necessary for all material used in the mine and composed of iron or steel to be replaced at frequent intervals.

For a long time the water pumped out of the mine went to waste, as no method was known of extracting the copper from it. After awhile, however, a discovery was made that is being utilized to good advantage.

Some tin cans found their way into the small stream. In a short time it was noticed that they had every appearance of being made of pure copper, so thickly were they coated with that metal. They were regarded as curiosities by all who saw them, but presently one man saw farther than the "curiosity"—he saw the use.

He began to experiment and found that old cans and iron junk thrown into the water were soon destroyed, leaving in their stead a rich deposit of copper. He thought it would pay to extract the copper from the water by this process, and immediately purchased the exclusive right to the water.

Then he put in a series of reservoirs and tanks along the little gully where the water ran. These he filled with all the old metal to be had in town, including barrel hoops. At the end of six months he found that the old junk was totally destroyed and in its place was a sedimentary deposit in the bottom of the reservoirs and tanks which was eighty per cent. copper.

## Points of View.

Mrs. Van Volcet—Yes, our dinner china is all over one hundred years old. Mrs. Asseels—Lor, now! Can't you afford no new dishes?—Chicago News Record.

## A Cordial Invitation.

She—Come around and call on me any time. He—Will you always be at home? She—Not always. I sail for Europe to-morrow.—Judge.

## With an Inflection.

Teacher—What is meant by the title "sir"? Dick Hicks—That's only what a girl says when the wrong feller kisses her.—Truth.

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## Political Items.

"Johnny," said the school-teacher, "in the sentence 'they held a convention,' parse the word convention."

"Is it a political convention, please ma'am?"

"I don't know; that hasn't anything to do with it."

"It would help me out considerable if I knew it was a political convention."

"In what way?"

"Because then I could sort of take it for granted that it was in the nominative case."—Texas Sittings.

## Probably a Broker.

Bright Boy—New family moved in next door to-day—gentleman and his wife and two children, boy and a girl.

Father (a broker)—Indeed! What business is the gentleman in, did you hear?

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